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Title : PLANARIZATION METHOD OF
INTER-LAYER DIELECTRICS AND
INTER-METAL DIELECTRICS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the outstanding Advisory Action dated 28 October 2002. A Request for Continued Examination to enter and consider the Amendment previously filed on 16 October 2002, as well as a Request for a one (1) month Extension of Time and the necessary fee are being submitted concurrently with this paper. Please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows: